O’Neill Institute Summer Conversation Series with Ben Berkman

Prenatal Whole Genome Sequencing: Just Because We Can, Should We?

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Biography
Benjamin Berkman, J.D., M.P.H, is the Deputy Director of the Bioethics Core at the National Human Genome Research Institute, and a faculty member in the NIH Department of Bioethics. He was formerly the Deputy Director of the O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown Law (2007-2009), where he continues to serve as an Adjunct Professor. Prior to working at Georgetown Law, Mr. Berkman worked for the American Medical Association Ethics Department, ABC News Medical Unit, and the Economic and Social Research Institute. Mr. Berkman received a Bachelors Degree in the History of Science and Medicine at Harvard University (1999). He subsequently earned a Juris Doctor and a Masters in Public Health from the University of Michigan (2005).

As a faculty member in the Department of Bioethics, Mr. Berkman’s research interests span a wide range of topics. In addition to his work on health and human rights, his current research focuses on the legal and ethical issues associated with genomic research, genetic information privacy, public health emergency preparedness, and research involving vulnerable populations.

Mr. Berkman has worked with the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and has served on an Institute of Medicine committee relating to pandemic influenza preparedness.